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FUNDS FOR FISH PRODUCTION
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Fish Farming in India was not getting its due share from the Government; and

(b) if so, the steps being taken by the Government for allotment of funds for improving fish production in the country as that would improve the income of farmers besides bringing in substantial foreign exchange through exports?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

(a)&(b): Major thrust of the schemes and programmes being implemented by the Central Government is to enhance the fish production and productivity as well as welfare of the fishers. In order to enhance fish production and productivity during the Tenth Plan, under marco-management approach, the Government has formulated two Centrally Sponsored Schemes, namely, Development of Inland Fisheries and Aquaculture; and Development of Marine Fisheries, Infrastructure and Post-Harvest Operations. Both the above schemes have a number of components. The schemes are being implemented by the respective States/UTs. Under the above schemes, financial assistance in the form of subsidy for developmental activities is shared between the Government of India (50-80%) and the State Governments(20-50%). Fish production in the country has been showing an increasing trend in inland fish production in particular and has reached a record level of 6.4 million tonnes (both marine and inland) in 2003-04.